

ClaimsWhat is claimed is:

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1 1. In a World Wide Web (Web) communication network with
2 user access via a plurality of data processor controlled
3 interactive receiving display stations for displaying
4 received hypertext documents of at least one display page
5 containing text and images, a system for reducing the
6 downloading time of predetermined hypertext documents
7 received from said Web comprising:
8 means at a receiving display station for downloading
9 said received hypertext Web documents,
10 means enabling a user at said receiving display
11 station to preselect received Web documents to be
12 downloaded in a text-only mode,
13 means for determining whether a received Web
14 document has been preselected for downloading in a text-
15 only mode, and
16 means responsive to said determining means for
17 downloading such received preselected Web documents in a
18 text-only mode.

1 2. The network system of claim 1 further including:
2 means for bookmarking selected received Web
3 documents to thereby store at said receiving display
4 station, direct links to the documents for future access,
5 said bookmarking means including said means enabling
6 the user to preselect said text-only mode to thereby
7 enable the user to preselect whether the bookmarked Web
8 document will be downloaded in a text-only mode when
9 received.

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1 3. The network system of claim 1 wherein said user is
2 enabled to preselect domains from which all received Web
3 documents will be downloaded in a text-only mode.

1 4. The network system of claim 3 wherein said user is
2 enabled to preselect Web sites from which all received
3 Web documents will be downloaded in a text-only mode.

1 5. The network system of claim 3 further comprising:
2 Web browsing means at said receiving display station
3 including:

4 said means for enabling a user at said
5 receiving display station to preselect domains from
6 which all received Web documents will be downloaded
7 in a text-only mode, and

8 said means for determining whether a received
9 Web document has been preselected for downloading in
10 a text-only mode.

1 6. The network system of claim 2 further comprising:
2 Web browsing means at said receiving display station
3 including:

4 said means for bookmarking, and

5 said means for determining whether a received
6 Web document has been preselected for downloading in
7 a text-only mode.

1 7. The network system of claim 1 further including means
2 at said receiving display station for storing said user's
3 preselection of Web documents to be downloaded in a text-
4 only mode.

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1 8. In a Web communication network with user access via a
2 plurality of data processor controlled interactive
3 receiving display stations for displaying received
4 hypertext documents of at least one display page
5 containing text and images, a method for reducing the
6 downloading time of predetermined hypertext documents
7 received from said Web comprising:

8 downloading said received hypertext Web documents at
9 a receiving display station,
10 enabling a user at said receiving display station to
11 preselect received Web documents to be downloaded in a
12 text-only mode,
13 determining whether a received Web document has been
14 preselected for downloading in a text-only mode, and
15 downloading such received preselected Web documents
16 in a text-only mode in response to said determination.

1 9. The method of claim 8 further including the step of:
2 bookmarking selected received Web documents to
3 thereby store at said receiving display station direct
4 links to the documents for future access,
5 said bookmarking step being carried out in
6 association with said step of enabling the user to
7 preselect said text-only mode to thereby enable the user
8 to preselect whether the bookmarked Web document will be
9 downloaded in a text-only mode when received.

1 10. The method of claim 8 wherein said user is enabled
2 to preselect domains from which all received Web
3 documents will be downloaded in a text-only mode.

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1 11. The method of claim 10 wherein said user is enabled
2 to preselect Web sites from which all received Web
3 documents will be downloaded in a text-only mode.

1 12. The method of claim 10 further comprising:
2 Web browsing means at said receiving display station
3 including:

4 a Web browsing process at said receiving
5 display station including said steps of:

6 enabling a user at said receiving display
7 station to preselect domains from which, all
8 received Web documents will be downloaded in a
9 text-only mode, and

10 determining whether a received Web
11 document has been preselected for downloading
12 in a text-only mode.

1 13. The method of claim 9 further comprising:

2 a Web browsing process at said receiving display
3 station including said steps of:

4 bookmarking received Web documents, and
5 determining whether a received Web document has
6 been preselected for downloading in a text-only
7 mode.

1 14. The method of claim 8 further including the step of
2 storing said user preselections of Web documents to be
3 downloaded in a text-only mode at said receiving display
4 station.

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1 15. A computer program having code recorded on a
2 computer readable medium for reducing the downloading
3 time of predetermined hypertext documents of at least one
4 display page containing text and images received at a Web
5 display station comprising:

6 means at a receiving display station for downloading
7 said received hypertext Web documents,

8 means enabling a user at said receiving display
9 station to preselect received Web documents to be
10 downloaded in a text-only mode,

11 means for determining whether a received Web
12 document has been preselected for downloading in a text-
13 only mode, and

14 means responsive to said determining means for
15 downloading such received preselected Web documents in a
16 text-only mode.

1 16. The computer program of claim 15 further including:

2 means for bookmarking selected received Web
3 documents to thereby store at said receiving display
4 station direct links to the documents for future access,

5 said bookmarking means including said means enabling
6 the user to preselect said text-only mode to thereby
7 enable the user to preselect whether the bookmarked Web
8 document will be downloaded in a text-only mode when
9 received.

1 17. The computer program of claim 15 wherein said user
2 is enabled to preselect domains from which all received
3 Web documents will be downloaded in a text-only mode.

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1 18. The computer program of claim 17 wherein said user
2 is enabled to preselect Web sites from which all received
3 Web documents will be downloaded in a text-only mode.

1 19. The computer program of claim 17 further comprising:
2 a Web browser program at said receiving display
3 station including:

4 said means enabling a user at said receiving
5 display station to preselect domains from which all
6 received Web documents will be downloaded in a text-
7 only mode, and

8 said means for determining whether a received
9 Web document has been preselected for downloading in
10 a text-only mode.

1 20. The computer program of claim 16 further comprising:
2 a Web browser program at said receiving display
3 station including:

4 said means for bookmarking, and

5 said means for determining whether a received
6 Web document has been preselected for downloading in
7 a text-only mode.

1 21. The computer program of claim 15 further including
2 means at said receiving display station for storing said
3 user preselections of Web documents to be downloaded in a
4 text-only mode.

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